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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5355

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL  
SELECTION COMMISSION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 51-44a of the  
4 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) There is established a Judicial Selection Commission comprised  
7 of twelve members. [Two persons shall be appointed from each  
8 congressional district, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-law and  
9 one of whom shall not be an attorney-at-law.] Six of the members shall  
10 be attorneys-at-law and six of the members shall not be attorneys-at-  
11 law. Not more than six of the members shall belong to the same  
12 political party. None of the members shall be an elected or appointed  
13 official of the state or hold state-wide office in a political party.

14 (b) The members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:

15 (1) The Governor shall appoint six members, one from each  
16 congressional district and one at-large member, who shall be  
17 attorneys-at-law; and (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate, [and]  
18 the speaker of the House of Representatives, [shall each appoint one  
19 member who shall not be an attorney-at-law;] the majority leader of  
20 the Senate, [and] the majority leader of the House of Representatives,  
21 [shall each appoint one member who shall not be an attorney-at-law;  
22 and] the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the  
23 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member, who shall  
24 not be an attorney-at-law.

25 (c) The members of the commission shall elect a [chairman]  
26 chairperson from among the members appointed by the Governor.

27 [(d) (1) The members first appointed by the Governor prior to June  
28 22, 1989, shall complete their terms of office. Of the members  
29 appointed by the Governor for terms commencing November 20, 1992,  
30 two members shall serve for a term of one year, two members shall  
31 serve for a term of two years and two members shall serve for a term  
32 of three years. Thereafter, the members of the commission so  
33 appointed shall serve for terms of three years. At the expiration of the  
34 terms of the members appointed for terms commencing November 20,  
35 1992, such members shall be eligible for appointment to a consecutive  
36 term.

37 (2) The terms of office of the members first appointed by the  
38 legislative leaders prior to June 22, 1989, shall expire on September 30,  
39 1989. Such members shall be eligible for appointment to a term  
40 commencing October 1, 1989. Of the members whose terms commence  
41 October 1, 1989, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the  
42 speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one  
43 member for a term of three years; the majority leader of the Senate and  
44 the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint  
45 one member for a term of one year; and the minority leader of the  
46 Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
47 each appoint one member for a term of two years. Thereafter, the

48 members so appointed shall serve for terms of three years.]

49 [(3)] (d) (1) The members of the commission shall serve for terms of  
50 three years.

51 (2) Members appointed on or after the effective date of this section  
52 shall serve for terms of three years and, notwithstanding the  
53 provisions of section 4-1, until their successors are appointed and have  
54 qualified or ninety days after the completion of their terms, whichever  
55 is earlier.

56 (3) Members serving on the effective date of this section shall  
57 continue to serve as members until the end of their terms and,  
58 notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-1, until their successors are  
59 appointed and have qualified or ninety days after the completion of  
60 their terms, whichever is earlier, except that members serving on the  
61 effective date of this section who have completed their terms and are  
62 serving until their successors are appointed and have qualified shall,  
63 notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-1, continue to serve until  
64 their successors are appointed and have qualified, but not later than  
65 January 1, 2004.

66 (4) Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be  
67 filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the appointing  
68 authority. The members of the commission shall receive no  
69 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for any  
70 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. [Except  
71 as provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, no member]

72 (5) No member of the commission may serve consecutive terms,  
73 [and if a] except that if, on or after the effective date of this section, a  
74 person is appointed a member of the commission to fill a vacancy and  
75 complete an unexpired term, such person may serve an additional  
76 term. If a commission member is an attorney, no member of [his] the  
77 commission member's firm may serve a term consecutive to such  
78 commission member."

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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